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## CLAIMS

- 1. Use of a creatine compound, in particular creatine or a creatine analogue for the manufacture of a 5 therapeutic preparation f or the prevention or treatment of muscle disuse syndrome in a subject.
- 2. Use as claimed in claim 1, wherein the subject to be treated need not in addition perform a training programme to increase muscle volume and muscle 10 functional capacity.
  - 3. Use as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the therapeutic preparation is intended to be administered in an amount that leads to a total daily supplementation of 0,5 to 5 g creatine.
- 4. Use as claimed in claims 1-3, characterized 15 in that the muscle disuse syndrome is the result of immobilization, or reduced level of physical activity due to disease, aging, or (mental  $d_r$  physical) handicap.
- 5. Therapeutic preparation for treating or 20 preventing muscle disuse syndrome, comprising a suitable carrier, diluent or excipient and an effective amount of one or more creatine compounds.
  - 6. Therapeutic preparation according to claim 5, which is a drug.
- 7. Therapeutic preparation according to claim 25 5, which is a nutritional supplement.
  - 8. Therapeutic preparation according to claim 5 or 7, which has the form of a food stute comprising one or more additional creatine compounds.

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